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Phoenix Man Indicted on ID Theft Charges

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Jan. 20, 2006) A West Phoenix man was indicted on charges of aggravated ID theft and other charges stemming from an allegation that he used Green Bay Packers' quarterback Brett Favre's credit card account in Maricopa County.

William J. Joachim, 35, was indicted on one count of fraud, two counts of aggravated taking the identity of another, one count of theft and one count of misconduct involving weapons.

Two other men, Freddy Lopez Sanchez, 32, and Ignacio Bobadilla Gomez, 29, were also indicted in this case. Sanchez was indicted on one count of fraud, two counts of aggravated taking the identity of another, and one count of theft. Gomez was indicted on one count of forgery. A fourth defendant was included on the indictment, but has not yet been served with the charges.

In December 2005, the Arizona Attorney General's Office received information from the National Football League indicating that Favre's credit card account had been compromised and more than 40 unauthorized transactions had been completed in Maricopa County, totaling over $10,000.

The indictment alleges that Joachim and Sanchez possessed credit card information of more than five people, and used those account numbers to purchase goods and services. Favre's credit card account among those used.

The indictment alleges that Gomez offered to perform maintenance work on a motorcycle in exchange for a forged Arizona Driver's License.

Joachim, Sanchez and Gomez will be arraigned on January 27, 2005. If convicted of all charges, Joachim and Sanchez each face up to a maximum of 14 years in prison and Gomez faces up to a maximum of 1.5 years in prison. Assistant Attorney General Todd Lawson is prosecuting this case.

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